

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated April 3, 2007. In the Office Action, the examiner agreed that the invention “can be attached laterally to the medical device ... [and] not longitudinally attached to” the medical device. Office Action, p. 2. The independent claims have been amended to recite this feature. Claim 17, which earlier recited this feature, was not rejected due to the prior art. Further, all independent claims now positively recite the distally located medical device and the actuation sleeve or the first and second members and the proximal location of the slide controller on the actuation sleeve or member.

Since the examiner cites no reference using a medical device, the claims are patentable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections against claims 1 - 52 and allow the claims.

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